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Happy Holidays!

CBP Development News: ACE Deployment B

On November 2, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) implemented Deployment A, the first of seven planned deployments, to the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) and is now moving forward with the next deployment of core trade processing functionality in ACE. CBP's ongoing development work supports the completion of the next set of features denoted in the ACE Development and Deployment Schedule. As work progresses, CBP, Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) and the trade community are getting closer to a true "Single Window" for trade processing. CBP is encouraging the trade community to transition to ACE early to begin benefiting from the new and enhanced ACE capabilities and to prepare for the mandatory use dates of electronic transmissions of data to ACE.

Following the successful implementation of Deployment A, CBP is now ready for ACE Deployment B, scheduled for January 4, 2014. This upcoming deployment marks the second release of new ACE features in less than three months.

With ACE Deployment B, new and enhanced capabilities are being added and include:

- ACE Cargo Release
 - Expansion of the ACE Cargo Release pilot to include ocean and rail manifest shipments
 - Processing of In-bond transactions with partial quantities, completing In-Bond capability in the air, ocean and rail modes of transportation
 - Build-out of ACE Cargo Release data, extending the Customs and Trade Automated Interface Requirements (CATAIR) to specify required data elements, syntax and format, enabling the build out for additional entry transactions
- ACE Entry Summary
 - ACE Entry Summary validations for simple duty calculations, i.e., entry summary lines with a single Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) classification
- Partner Government Agency (PGA) Integration
 - Expansion of the PG00 record to reduce data duplication by the trade filer
 - Single Accept/Reject message for the filer for cargo release response from CBP and PGAs



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CBP will publish a Federal Register Notice (FRN) to announce the expansion of the ACE Cargo Release pilot to ocean and rail modes. Additional information concerning ACE Deployment B will be provided via the Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) and CBP.gov over the coming weeks.

Periodic Monthly Statement Dates for 2014

Below are the preliminary (11th workday) and final (15th workday) dates for Periodic Monthly Statement. Please keep in mind that the ACE Reports tool may not generate reports as quickly on days when preliminary and final Periodic Monthly Statements are generated. CBP suggests that you run and/or schedule your Periodic Statement reports during off business hours and/or on days when the Periodic Monthly Statements are not due.

The latest date in which the “Preliminary” statement can be requested to print is the 11th workday of the month. Some companies however, do request their preliminary “Periodic Monthly Statement to print before the 11th workday.

Month	Preliminary Statements 11 th Workday	Final Statements 15 th Workday
January	01/16/2014	01/23/2014
February	02/18/2014	02/24/2014
March	03/17/2014	03/21/2014
April	04/15/2014	04/21/2014
May	05/15/2014	05/21/2014
June	06/16/2014	06/20/2014
July	07/16/2014	07/22/2014
August	08/15/2014	08/21/2014
September	09/16/2014	09/22/2014
October	10/16/2014	10/22/2014
November	11/18/2014	11/24/2014
December	12/15/2014	12/19/2014

“Final” is the Periodic Monthly Statement due date. Some companies pay their Periodic Monthly Statement before the “Final” date and as a result, get their “final” Periodic Monthly Statement before this date.

All questions regarding Periodic Monthly Statement and participation in Periodic Monthly Statement should be directed to the Revenue Division. Users can send an email to periodicstatement@dhs.gov or call the Periodic Payment Help desk at 317-614-4545.



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Wrap Up of ACE 2013

January

- CBP announced ACE functionality priorities planned for 2013.

February

- The 2012 ACE Satisfaction Survey for trade was opened.
- CBP published hardware and software requirements to access the ACE Portal.
- The *ACE Moving Forward: Near Term Plans and Prioritized Backlog* presentation was posted to CBP.gov.

March

- Agile development methodology information for ACE was provided in the March 2013 Trade Account Owner (TAO) Update.
- A clarification on ACE system outages was disseminated to the trade.

April

- CBP published an FRN, (see 78 FR 20345), modifying and expanding the CBP Centers of Excellence and Expertise pilot test.

May

- The National Customs Broker and Forwarders Association of America (NCBFAA) hosted an ACE Software Developer Session in the Baltimore area.
- New ACE Entry Summary Filing documentation was posted to CBP.gov.

June

- The Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection (COAC) published the 2013 Trade Efficiency Survey requesting feedback.

July

- CBP began the next phase of enforcement for Importer Security Filing (ISF) Non-compliance.
- CBP published an FRN, (see 78 FR 44142), modifying the Document Image System (DIS) and Simplified Entry (SE) pilot tests.

August

- The ACE Development and Deployment Schedule and the ACE Stakeholder Backlog were posted to CBP.gov.
- Broker Employee Data Upload Capability was added to the ACE Secure Data Portal.

September

- CBP made available the AM 100 Courtesy Notice of Liquidation Report to Broker ACE Portal Accounts.
- Post Summary Correction (PSC) data became available to all filers of all versions of the entry summary via ACE Automated Broker Interface (ABI) queries and ACE Reports.
- The Trade Support Network Plenary Session (TSN) was held in the Washington, D.C. area.



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October

- ACE Deployment A Information Notice for Trade Community was posted to CBP.gov.
- The updated ACE Reports for Trade User Guide (UG) and the Authorized Data Extracts Quick Reference Guide (QRG) were posted to CBP.gov.

November

- Deployment A enhancements and capabilities were successfully implemented to ACE.
- CBP published an FRN, (see 78 FR 66039), announcing the expansion of the ACE Cargo Release pilot test.
- CBP published an FRN, (see 78 FR 69434), announcing modifications related to Post Summary Corrections.

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- CBP published an FRN, (see 78 FR 75931), announcing the PGA Message Set pilot test.

Recent ACE Updates

Please note that it may be necessary to copy and paste the hyperlinked URLs to your internet browser.

PGA Message Set Pilot Test FRN

CBP published an [FRN, 78 FR 75931](#), announcing a plan to conduct a National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning the transmission of electronic filings of certain Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) import data to CBP for commodities regulated by these agencies. The test will involve using ACE, Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set and ABI to transmit the data. To access the entire FRN document, please click on the hyperlinked citation above.

New ACE Documentation and Webinar Posted to CBP.gov

CBP has posted a [Deployment A - New ACE Features](#) document to CBP.gov. This one page information graphic provides information on the new and enhanced ACE features deployed on November 2, 2013. An information graphic on Deployment B will be posted in the near future.

An [Information Notice for Trade – ACE Deployment B](#) has also been posted to CBP.gov. This document provides information about the second ACE deployment, scheduled for January 4, 2014.

CBP has published the [ACE Webinar – Portal Functionality and Reports](#) to CBP.gov. This webinar highlights ACE Portal functionality and describes the new navigational changes inside the updated ACE Reports interface.



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To access the new ACE Deployment A document, the Information Notice for Trade or the ACE Webinar recording, please visit the “What’s New with ACE?” page of CBP.gov/ACE or you may click on the hyperlinks above.

Reminder of the Month

Opening a CBP Technology Service Desk Trouble Ticket for ACE Reports

In order to successfully diagnose issues with ACE Reports, please provide the following information when opening a trouble ticket with the ACE Helpdesk:

- User contact details (i.e., company name, email address, and telephone number)
- Primary Account ID #, if applicable (SCAC, IR#, Filer Code, etc.)
- ACE Login ID
- Name/number of report and type (i.e., canned report, modified report, ad hoc)
- Date and time report was last run successfully
- Date and time report was last run unsuccessfully (or when user noted problem began)
- User ID that ran the report
- Specific parameters (search criteria) that were used in the report search (i.e., start time, end time, IR #)
- Detailed description of issue
- Error message/code received
- Screenshot of error message (for attachment to ticket)
- Browser type and version
- Java version
- Operating system used

This information will allow the ACE Development Team to investigate and resolve your ACE Reports issue in a more thorough and efficient manner.

To open a CBP Technology Service Desk (TSD) trouble ticket, please contact the CBP TSD at 1-866-530-4172 (24hours/7 days a week) or you may send an email to: ace.support@cbp.dhs.gov. Immediately after receiving an email, a response message with the assigned ticket number will be sent back to the requester.

Your Question:

Do I need to participate in Periodic Monthly Statement to file ACE Entry Summaries?

No. However, all ACE entry summaries must be paid via statement processing and need to be scheduled on a daily or monthly statement.